1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
26	Uttar Pradesh	28	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Uttaranchal	7	32	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	West Bengal	12	13	20	6	12	44	18	9	2
	TOTAL : (STATES)	171	205	145	36	19	50	24	21	19
29	A&N Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Dadra & N.Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Pondichery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL: UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
	TOTAL : (ALL INDIA	171	205	145	36	19	50	24	21	28

SOURCE: Crime in India

Stringent punishment for crime against children

1715. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the most dastardly killing of sources of innocent, poor children in Nithari, a village on the outskirts of National Capital, Government have considered any amendment to the criminal law, especially the Indian Penal Code to provide for a punishment, deterrent enough to prevent such a devious and dastardly crime, and disposal of the dead in a fashion unheard of and beyond human imagination;- and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter, and whether the matter has been referred to a Committee; if so, its composition and terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT); (a) and (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government as there are stringent punishments for such offences in the existing laws. However, the Government reviews the laws and brings about amendments as and when it is considered necessary. The Government of India had constituted a Committee (Ministry of Women and Child Development) on 3.1.2007 to investigate into allegations of large scale sexual abuse, rape and murder of children in Nithari Village of Noida (U.P.) and give suggestions/recommendations for ensuring that such cases do not recur. The composition and Terms of Reference of the Committee are given in the Statement.

Statement

Committee constituted by Government of India (Ministry of Women and Child Development) on 3.1.2007 *to Investigate into allegations of large scale sexual abuse, rape and murder of children in Nithari Village of Noida (U.P.)*

Constitution of the Committee

The constitution of the Committee was as follows:

1.	Mrs. Manjula Krishnan, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Women and Child Development	— Chairperson
2.	Shri Balvinder Kumar, Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Govt, of Uttar Pradesh	— Member
3.	Shri K. Skandan, Joint Secretary, (CS) Ministry of Home Affairs	— Member
4.	Shri J.S. Kochher, Director (Child Welfare), Ministry of Women and Child Development	— Convener

Subsequently, Shri Balvinder Kumar conveyed his inability to join the Committee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE

* The efforts made by local administration, especially police to locate all the missing children and reintegrate them with their families.

* The *modus operandi* and the motive of the accused persons into these activities.

* The level of cooperation/assistance provided by local administration, especially police to the affected parents/families and the community.

Early warning device for disasters

1716. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that with 13 per cent of world's sea cyclones around India and two tsunami-genic zones-Andaman-Samatra trench and Makran Coast in its vicinity, an early warning device to mitigate potential loss is urgently needed;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard to prepare the Civil authorities to evacuate affected persons, with a minimum loss of time; and

(c) whether the necessary infrastructure in the shape of vehicles, safe temporary dwelling place, timely procurement of tents, rations, etc., has been provided or is being provided, based on our experience of 2004 tsunami tragedy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government is aware of the need for an Early Warning System for Tsunami. Accordingly, the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoEs) has undertaken a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency project to realize an operational national early warning system for tsunami and storm surges by September, 2007. The Early Warning Centre at the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad is likely to be made functional by September, 2007. However, an interim TEWS has already been made operational by MoES, 'at INCOIS, Hyderabad.

(b) and (c) Execution of rescue/response and relief operations in the wake of disasters is the primary responsibility of the concerned States for which they are generally prepared. Government of India extends logistic and financial support to the affected States in the event of severe calamities. The Ministry of Home Affairs maintains and Emergency